

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

Office of Faith Formation Newsletter

January 2021

Parish Catechetical Leaders

Virtual Meetings

Choose the one that fits your schedule!

Tuesday, January 12

9:30 am CT (10:30 ET)

1:30 CT (2:30 ET)

6:30 CT (7:30 ET)

Thursday, January 14

9:30 am CT (10:30 ET)

1:30 CT (2:30 ET)

6:30 CT (7:30 ET)

Link will be sent in January
If you can not make any of these,
contact Sister Margaret to set up a call!

Topics Include:

Grants, Lent, Safe Environment Guidelines
Directory for Catechesis, Catechist Formation
Year of St. Joseph, Year of the Family
Sacraments, Your needs!



January 21-29

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

[9 Days for Life Novena](#)

5th Annual Emerald Coast Walk for Life

January 15

6:30 pm Pro-Life Mass with Bishop Bill
St. Paul Catholic Church, Pensacola

January 16

9:30 am Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church,
Pensacola

11:00 am Maritime Park Speaker Ryan Bomberger
Walk for Life to follow through downtown
Pensacola

Adult Confirmation

Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults

Sunday, March 7 at 2 pm
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Pensacola

Contact your parish if interested.

More information at: [Adult Faith Formation](#)

or contact Sister Margaret

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Rite of Election

February 21 Co-Cathedral Tallahassee
February 28 St. Paul Parish Pensacola

Forms to register parishes will be sent at the beginning of January

"We are brothers and sisters. Some might say: "But he is Protestant, he is Orthodox ...". Yes, but we are all brothers and sisters in Christ."
—Pope Francis, January 22, 2020



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has [a history of over 100 years](#), in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (*cf. John 17:21*)

Take and Read

A Journey into the Bible

Virtual Conference January 8-11

We're Making Bible Reading Simple and Exciting at this Free Virtual Catholic Conference™

This January 8-10, join us and dozens of incredible Catholic Bible experts as we give you the tools you need to experience the fullness of the Bible.

[Take and Read: A Journey into the Bible](#)

Find A Patron Saint For 2021!

Have you thought of choosing a patron saint for the year? This handy tool will help you find one with a prayer and the click of a link!!

[Discover Your Saint Here!:](#)

<https://catholic-link.org/saint-name-generator/>

January Apostleship of Prayer For Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Young Adult Ministry

We are looking to revitalize the

Young Adult Ministry in the Diocese!

We are looking for young adults to help organize

Virtual Planning Meeting
Monday, January 11 at 6:30 pm CT

If interested
Sister Margaret at 850-435-3523 or kuntzm@ptdiocese.org
To get the invite!

Adult Faith Formation

The diocese has become a partnering diocese with the University of Dayton Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation. This means that any adult in the diocese can take one of the online courses for \$50.00.

For more information:

<https://vlcff.udayton.edu/>

or contact Sister Margaret

Protection and Prevention through Respect: Creating Safe Environments

Remember to rotate the three topics:
Good Touch/Bad Touch and Relationships,
Internet Safety
Bullying

Remember our goal is 100% participation.

If you have not had the session with the children/youth please set and dates and complete by March 30.

Materials are being developed for children/youth who are participating virtually or through packets

If you need help with setting up your session, contact Sister Margaret.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

If interested in beginning an atrium, contact
Sr. Margaret

Catechist Formation:

Level II Week Two: July 11– 17 at:

Good Shepherd Parish, Tallahassee

Level I Week Two: June 13-19 at:

St. Ann Parish, Gulf Breeze

Level I Week One: June 24-30 at:

Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Niceville

Click here for [Registration forms](#)

Parent pages can be found on our diocesan website:

ptdiocese.org/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd

Click here for [Additional parent resources](#)

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd USA
has [very good podcasts](#):



Praying with the Saints

The saints lead us to Christ. By deepening our relationship with the saints as they teach us how to pray, we are invited into their dialogue of love and can better know and serve the Lord. As a means of cultivating this relationship, we are offering an opportunity to make a prayer pilgrimage with the saints in our new, free series, *Praying with the Saints*.

Praying with the Saints launches on January 1, 2021 and includes four modules, each three weeks in length, devoted to learning how to pray with the following saints under the guidance of University of Notre Dame theology faculty: St. Teresa of Avila, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Bernadette, and St. Augustine. If you'd like to learn more and sign up for our free series, go to

<https://churchlife-info.nd.edu/praying-with-the-saints?>

Introducing *Pause+Pray!*

When asked once how important prayer is in our daily lives, Pope Francis' message was emphatic: "How powerful it is! May we never lose the courage to say, 'Lord, give us your peace.'"

Enter *Pause+Pray*, Franciscan Media's new daily prayer resource. Each day's e-mail will include a brief reflection, a prayer, and a call to action to inspire you to greet the day prayerfully.

If you'd like more information, [click here](#) to visit our *Pause+Pray* web page. If you like what you see, join us by signing up [here](#).

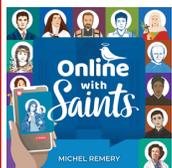
Lay Formation

The Lay Formation Program for the diocese is being revised. The new format will be two years with some virtual parts.

It will include:

Two courses per year from the University of Dayton
Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation
Opening Reflection Day
Seven sessions each year
Closing Retreat
Watch for more information

OSV New! Online with Saints



This new book is sure to be your new favorite.

Engage the youth of your parish this new year with an interactive and easy-to-use augmented reality book!

Use your phone to scan an image in the book and then watch the saint tell his or her own story.

[Order: Online with Saints](#)

Did you miss the

Growing and Living Conference?

You can view the breakout sessions at <https://ptdiocese.org/growingandliving>

As part of our Faith in Action initiative in 2021, Shared Hope is mobilizing our faith networks and faith communities to fight sex trafficking and protect children.

The 30 Days of Prayer takes place in January to coincide with Human Trafficking Awareness month. We hope you will join us in 30 Days of Prayer beginning January 1, 2021 to culminate with a National Day of Prayer Virtual Gathering on January 31st at 1 pm west coast and 4 pm east coast.

When you [sign up](#) to participate, you will receive a daily email with a focused prayer, scripture, and action item taken directly from Shared Hope's 30 Day Prayer Guide. As a body of believers, we want to draw on His word and direct our prayers to the broken world around us; to every child regardless of their circumstance; and to everyone who has suffered through sexual exploitation and slavery.

Learn more and sign up to participate in our January prayer campaign date at:

www.sharedhope.org/30DaysPrayer

Year of St. Joseph

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX’s declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special “Year of St Joseph,” beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

During this period, the faithful will have the opportunity to commit themselves “with prayer and good works, to obtain, with the help of St. Joseph, head of the heavenly Family of Nazareth, comfort and relief from the serious human and social tribulations that besiege the contemporary world today.”

The Apostolic Penitentiary also issued a decree granting special indulgences for the duration of the special year to celebrate the anniversary and “to perpetuate the entrustment of the whole Church to the powerful patronage of the Custodian of Jesus.”

[Church grants plenary indulgence for year of St. Joseph](#)

Year of the Family

On 19 March 2021, the fifth anniversary of the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris laetitia*, on the joy and beauty of familial love, Pope Francis will inaugurate the Year “*Amoris Laetitia* Family,” which will conclude on 26 June 2022

The Year “*Amoris Laetitia* Family” is intended to spread the message of *Amoris laetitia*, and it is in that exhortation that the objectives of the Year can be found. The first is to share the content of the exhortation more widely, in order to help people “experience the Gospel of the family as a joy that fills hearts and lives (*Amoris laetitia*, 200).” The brochure says, “A family that discovers and experiences both the joy of having a gift, and of being a gift for the Church and society, ‘can become a light in the darkness of the world’ (AL,66).”

A second objective is to announce the precious value of the sacrament of marriage, which has “in itself a transforming power of human love.”

Further objectives include enabling “families to become active agents of the family apostolate,” and making “young people aware of the importance of formation in the truth of love and in the gift of self.” Lastly, there is an invitation to broaden the vision and action of pastoral care for the family during the Year, so that it can become more transversal and include all family members, including married couples, children and young people, the elderly, and those in difficult family situations.

Grants Available Seton

The most successful grants are those that emphasize Catholic faith formation. *February 1, 2021 Grant Applications must be received by Donna Bass in the Schools Office.*

Catholic Foundation of Northwest Florida

The primary purpose of the fund is to encourage and support the creation of innovative programs and resources to evangelize and catechize adults and children into a lived Catholic Faith

January/February GRANTS SOLICIED

February 28 APPLICATION DEADLINE

Totus Tuus

Totus Tuus is a weeklong summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through catechesis, Christian witness and Eucharistic worship.

The methodology, structure, content, and enthusiasm of Totus Tuus is concerned with not only teaching the Faith, but also igniting the hearts of the team members and the young people they encounter. .

There is a program for K through 5th or 6th grade in the morning and a program for Middle and High School in the evening.

If your parish would like to experience Totus Tuus in the summer of 2021 please contact Sister Margaret.

If you or anyone you know is interested in participating or becoming a missionary, email Sister Margaret Kuntz at kuntzm@ptdiocese.org.

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